

records system that considers the criteria contained in the model data elements;

(b) Generate an impartial report of the status of the highway safety data and traffic records system in the State; and

(c) Be conducted by an organization or group that is knowledgeable about highway safety data and traffic records systems, but independent from the organizations involved in the administration, collection and use of the highway safety data and traffic records systems in the State.

§ 1335.6 Strategic plan.

A strategic plan shall—

(a) Be a multi-year plan that identifies and prioritizes the highway safety data and traffic records needs and goals based upon an assessment;

(b) Identify performance-based measures by which progress toward those goals will be determined; and

(c) Be submitted to the coordinating committee for approval.

§ 1335.7 Grant requirements.

(a) *Start-up grant.* To receive a start-up grant in a fiscal year under this part, a State shall submit an application that complies with § 1335.12, and must have—

(1) Not met the requirements of paragraph (b) or (c) of this section; and

(2) Not received any grant under this Part in a previous fiscal year.

(b) *Initiation grant.* To qualify for an initiation grant in a fiscal year under this part, a State shall submit an application that complies with § 1335.12, and must have—

(1) Established a coordinating committee;

(2) Completed or updated an assessment within the five years preceding the date of its application;

(3) Initiated the development of a strategic plan; and

(4) Not received an initiation or an implementation grant under this part in a previous fiscal year.

(c) *Implementation grant.* To qualify for an implementation grant in a fiscal year under this part, a State shall submit an application that complies with § 1335.12, and must have—

(1) Established a coordinating committee;

(2) Completed or updated an assessment within the five years preceding the date of its application; and

(3) Developed a strategic plan.

§ 1335.8 Grant amounts.

(a) *Start-up grant.* A State that qualifies for a start-up grant under § 1335.7(a) of this part shall be eligible to receive \$25,000.

(b) *Initiation grant.* A State that qualifies for an initiation grant under § 1335.7(b) of this part shall be eligible to receive \$125,000.

(c) *Implementation grant.* A State that qualifies for an implementation grant under § 1335.7(c) of this part shall be eligible to receive an amount determined by multiplying the amount appropriated to carry out 23 U.S.C. 411 by the ratio that the funds apportioned to the State under 23 U.S.C. 402 for fiscal year 1997 bears to the funds apportioned to all States under 23 U.S.C. 402 for fiscal year 1997, except that—

(1) If the State has not received an initiation or an implementation grant under this part in a previous fiscal year, the State shall receive no less than \$250,000; and

(2) If the State has received an initiation or an implementation grant under this part in a previous fiscal year, the State shall receive no less than \$225,000.

§ 1335.9 Availability of funds.

(a) The release of grant funds under this part in a fiscal year shall be subject to the availability of funds for that fiscal year. If there are expected to be insufficient funds to award the grant amounts specified in § 1335.8 to all eligible States in any fiscal year, NHTSA may release less than these grant amounts upon approval of the State's application and plan, up to the State's proportionate share of available funds. Project approval and the contractual obligation of the Federal government to provide grant funds shall be limited to the amount of funds released.

(b) If any amounts authorized for grants under this part for a fiscal year are expected to remain unobligated in that fiscal year, the Administrator